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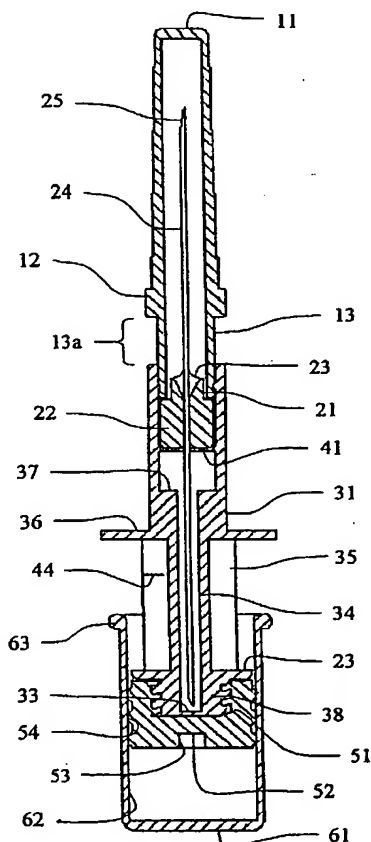
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(54) Title: **ACTIVATION-BASED INJECTION DEVICE**



(57) Abstract: An activation-based injection device includes an activation unit (1, 2, 3), a vial unit (5) containing a drug and a needle (2) with an inner point (26) which never comes in contact with the external environment. The device is activated by a simple axial shift of the needle-shield (1) against the activation head (3). The latter is transparent and contains a window (45) of lower thickness. This allows the user to check the exact position of the needle hub (21) as a proof of tamper evidence, allowing the user to immediately determine whether the device has been previously activated or tampered with and if there is a risk that the drug has been contaminated.

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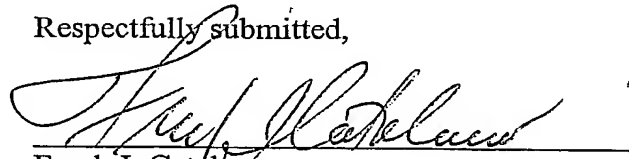
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new claim 20 added ; remaining claims unchanged (1 page)]

20. . A device for injecting a drug into a patient comprising:
- an activation head (3) open at one end thereof and closed by a pierceable membrane (33) at another end thereof;
  - a needle-shield (1) closed at one end (11) thereof and open at a base (13) thereof, said base (13) fitting and sliding in a rail (31) of said activation head (3);
  - a rigid vial (5) having a reservoir containing the drug and having a sliding plunger (4) hermetically sealing said vial, said plunger adapted for attachment to said another end of said activation head (3) for making direct contact between a pierceable membrane of said plunger (52) and said pierceable membrane of said activation head (33);
  - a needle (2) having a double-pointed cannula (24) secured to a hub (21) disposed inside said rail of said activation head (3); and
  - a needle-shield (1) slidable inside said activation head (3) from said initial resting position to a final activation position for acting on said hub (21) and sequentially piercing said pierceable membranes (33 and 52) with said inner point (26) of said needle (2) and connecting said cannula (24) to said reservoir of said vial (5).

STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19(1)

This statement specifically refers to the Amendment of Claims Under Article 19 filed on even date herewith for International Application Number PCT/US03/21799 entitled ACTIVATION-BASED INJECTION DEVICE. Applicants submit this Amendment of Claims to further define patentable aspects of the invention. The claim amendments are within the scope of the invention disclosure, and the amendments are expected to have no impact on the description or drawings.

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